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[] 1207
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SLINC 2295 "
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1. Attached is a literal translation of the report given to the undersigned by [] on 30 April 1954.
2. We will continue to press [] for any details now in his possession, and which he might obtain in the future, utilizing the cover story mentioned in Paragraph 4, J 1207.

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Incl: Translation of Report

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In the farm [] which is located on the banks of the [] the [] for a considerable length of time there have been heard the firing of machine guns and rifles in such a form as to indicate that marksmanship practice was being conducted in that place. Also heard were grenade and demolition charge explosions. No one is permitted to enter or leave this farm, and no workers are employed for work on the farm. One of the foremen of a neighboring farm, passed along its edges and had to run away because the bullets were coming very close to him. In the last few days, 4 farmers hunting iguanas (Comment: an edible lizard) along the boundary of the farm were surprised and taken to one of the clearings of this farm, which [] resembles a training camp. The farmers saw hundreds of individuals dressed in khaki, most of them colored, but many white, "as the country people are accustomed to call the []". The 4 farmers were beaten and threatened that if they said anything about what they had seen, they would be killed because they were the only ones who had arrived at that place.

There are many other proofs that this is one of the training sites of an armed movement which is said in that locality to be against Guatemala and to have the knowledge and approval of the Government of the United States.

The farm is an ideal site because of its location. It is a plain surrounded by mountains which is known as []

From that place [] and navigation and transit is prohibited on the waters and edges of this river. In the river and near the farm are various big launches of "ferry" style, and other launches and tugboats, which at a given moment could go through the river [] cross it at night without being seen, and make a landing on the coast of our frontier; or enter one of the rivers which are navigable in part [] which is navigable up to part of our mountains, []

[] state literally:

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"At a given moment, and if the movement which is said to be against Guatemala is made as was reported last year, that they will make simultaneous movements against Guatemala and Costa Rica."

The aforementioned rivers are navigable in the main.

where they could rest.

and later -- when this gentleman was asked

he could say that he did not learn of the matter and wash his hands of the whole thing."

That is, they can pass as cattle boats and be camouflaged as such in order to avoid attention. The plains of this farm are suitable for an emergency landing field; to pick up the people there and leave them at one of the farms, or to transfer them to other landing fields better situated to send them on their final trip to the south or north.

In the early morning hours and at night when the city is quiet, there is a great traffic of jeeps, the occupants dressing in khaki. The chauffeurs of the trucks which pick up the milk on the farms have seen them.

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We know, for example, that the Guatemalan officer, Castillo Armas is in Honduras giving training to a number of enlistees totalling approximately 1,000.

We know that the wife of a diplomat travels in connection with these movements and as a liaison agent for these same.

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